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"THE MERRY KIDDO"

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No. 9 of "The Pacemakers".

Story by H.C. Witwer
Scenario by Paul Gangelin.
Directed by Wesley Ruggles.
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Nita O'Neil.	Alberta Vaughn
Tom Granger.	George O'Hara
Steve Murphy	Albert Cooke
Sam Jasbo.	Kit Guard
Merton Randolph.	Stanley Taylor

Unless Tom can get enough money to send his mother to Florida for three months, he will have to be prepared for the worst. Tom is at a loss as to how he will raise the money and fears he will be forced to accept the challenge of Kid Keegan, lightweight champion of the world, who is to appear at the Pomeroy Charity Fete, and offers One Thousand Dollars to any man who can stay in the ring with him for four rounds. Nita tells Tom that if he does that he will be a professional and out of college athletics, but Tom tells her he will have to make this sacrifice for his mother.

Merton Randolph is also introduced in the drugstore as Tom's rival for the Baker Scholarship. He makes a remark to the effect that he should worry if Tom becomes a professional-that that will make it all the better for him.

Kid Keegan, known as the "Merry Kiddo," enters the drugstore with a group of his pals and immediately tries to make an impressuon upon Nita, and pats her cheek. This infuriates Tom and he roughly jerks the Kiddo's arm away from Nita. Like a flash the Kiddo's fist shoots out and thuds against Tom's jaw. Tom takes

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it and comes back at him with a terrific wallop and they continue to slug back and forth until they are separated by their friends. After it is over, Tom is surprised to learn that this is Kid Keegan.

A burglar enters the O'Neil house and attacks Nita. Tom rescues her and ties the burglar up. Tom searches his pockets and finds, among other things, a handbill, giving a description of the man and offering a reward of twelve hundred dollars for his capture. Tom and Nita are jubilant over this find—they realize that now Tom will not have to fight and be expelled from college athletics, to earn the money to send his mother to Florida. They exit the house with the burglar. Merton comes into scene with J. Rupert and Steve, and while Tom's attention is distracted, cuts the burglar's bonds and he escapes. They all start in pursuit. Tom is worried and downcast, for now he has lost his chance for the reward, he will be forced to fight the Kiddo. It is now time for him to make his appearance at the arena, so he gives up the search and Merton and Nita drive him to the Charity Fete—leaving J. Rupert and Steve to continue the Pursuit of the burglar.

The Kiddo puts Tom through four rounds of terrific battling, but Tom is victorious and the Kiddo's manager reluctantly writes out a check for One Thousand Dollars. Just as Tom reaches out to accept it, J. Rupert and Steven enter and announce that Tom need not accept it as they have captured his Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollar crook. Tom and Nita are wild with Delight that now Tom can continue to play for Pomoroy.

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